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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Cast off Because . . .

By the late Evangelist J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D.

"My God will cast them off because . . ." Hosea 9:17

Mr. MOODY used to say that the Gospel was a savor of life unto life or of death unto death, and always one or the other. He used to declare that the same sun that strikes upon the clay and hardens it, would strike upon the ice and melt it, and that the hardening and softening processes were always going on in audiences where the Gospel was preached.

It seems to me that it is almost dangerous for men to have an invitation given them to come to God, that is, to have it given repeatedly, if it is rejected. You have imagined, some of you, that you can say "Yes" and "No" to God as you please, that it was for you to decide whether or no you would be a Christian. For ten years, for twenty years, with some of you for fifty years, there has been a rejection of God's offer of mercy. You have wandered away, you have lost your faith in the Bible, and sometimes you marvel that you have lost your conception of Jesus. You have thought, "Why is it that I am criticising the church and the minister?"

I can tell you the reason. You are in these days reaping the harvest of other days of rejection. No man may reject God continually without having his heart hardened, without making it more difficult for him to turn to Jesus. If you refused Him yesterday, it is more difficult to accept Him this evening. If you have been saying "No" for fifty years, your conversion would indeed be a miracle, not only of God's grace, but of His power. I am becoming alarmed because people refuse Him.

I have a text of Scripture which

has been given me as a warning for all such. I shall use only a portion of it. All through the Old Testament I have found God's reasons for turning away from His people again and again. The Old Testament is an illustration for us in modern times. The things that point to Israel are an illustration for you and me. My text is found in the prophecy of Hosea, chapter 9, verse 17: "My God will cast them off because—" I shall stop there in the verse. If I had only one text of Scripture, I should complete this verse, but because I have four texts very much like the one used, I shall stop in the midst of the first one

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Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman



Dr. Lee Roberson

"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."—Matt. 18:1-6.

When we talk about winning children to Christ, we find a great difference of opinion among adults. There are some who are definitely opposed to the winning of boys and girls. In some communities and parts of our nation, there are churches and denominations that oppose the winning of children to Christ. Many Christians are indifferent. Their attitude is, "Oh, well, it doesn't do any harm, and it may do some good."

Still others are vigorously in favor of winning children to

WHY WIN Children to CHRIST?



By Dr. Lee Roberson, D.D., Pastor
Highland Park Baptist Church; President
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In the United States alone, 27 million children under the age of twelve are getting no definite Christian teaching.

"Eighty per cent of the children now attending the Sunday Schools of America (some ten million) are unconverted, and will never be converted until more stress is placed on child evangelism.

"Eighty-five per cent of the children leave Sunday School before they reach the age of fifteen. Had the spiritual growth of our churches kept pace with the need, ways would have been found to make it impossible for this condition to exist. No adequate impact is being made on this tragic situation through our existing Christian agencies. The proportion of unreached children becomes greater each year. God alone can meet this need, but God al-

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Christ. I belong to the last group. I believe that boys and girls need to be brought to the Saviour. The great need of witnessing and winning children to Christ is surely given in these figures from Moody Monthly:

"Two out of three of the children in the United States and Canada are in no Sunday School.

CHRIST THE DOOR

By Walter Hughes, B.A., M.B.E.
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(Awarded first prize in Moody Bible Institute Evangelistic Sermon Competition, 1936)

I am the door.—John 10:9

The text has only four words and only ten letters in all. The first word has only one letter. The second word has just two letters. The third has but three letters, and the fourth word has four letters; and yet wrapped up in those four words and ten letters is enough to make any man satisfied in this world and safe for the next.

Here we find one of those grand, wide-sweeping statements that the Lord often made of Himself. Here is another claim of His Deity. How He delighted to choose common-place things of life as illustrations of His person and symbols of His power! Once He said, "I am the bread"; and again, "I am the water"; and again, "I am the light." How remarkable that Christ should compare Himself with things so simple and yet so essential!

Here in our text we have one of those homely illustrations. Surely a door is a commonplace thing and a door of a sheepfold is certainly quite matter-of-fact and yet quite necessary.

Visitors to Palestine are always interested in the illustrations of the Bible to be derived from Eastern life. The land frequently sheds light on the Book and enables Western readers to understand the Bible more clearly and to appreciate more fully its teachings. Prominent among these sidelights on Scripture are the life and circumstances of an Eastern shepherd. Some years ago

some travelers noticed the usual sheepfold, a low wall made of mud and stones. But they were puzzled to know why, with the aperture for the entrance and exit

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Dr. Walter Hughes

God's Method of Building A Church and Sunday School

by Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick, Pastor
Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

The Bible is God's message to man. The Bible contains first and foremost God's messages of salvation to all men everywhere.

Nevertheless, it is just as true that the Bible not only contains God's message to men but it also contains the methods by which the Gospel message of redemption must be spread throughout the world.

First, let me say that God has placed primary emphasis upon the fact that He works in and through local, independent, Bible-believing, Christ-exalting, sin-condemning churches.

While God does call and use and empower great evangelists to go as flaming messengers of the cross throughout the world, yet God's plan is that these evangelists, usually unique in their methods and oftentimes startling in their message, shall but supplement the work of real New Testament churches. There have been many movements which have swept through Christendom, some good, some bad, some indifferent, but no movement is to take the place of the churches in God's plan. It is no wonder that when we see through the inspired pen of John the picture of the glorified Saviour in the first chapter of the

Book of Revelation, we see Him walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks and the seven golden candlesticks are the seven churches. That is where one who knows his Bible, and one who knows God's plan and methods for this age, would expect to see the Lord Jesus—walking in the midst of His churches.

While it is true that many times men go to churches to find the Lord, and it is equally true that in many churches they seek in vain to see evidences of the Spirit of Christ or to hear the message of Christ and the salvation which He offers, yet the failure of certain modernistic churches has not changed the unchanging and unchangeable plan of God, namely, that His work shall be carried on through His churches.

On the other hand, it is equally true that some men make an idol of a church. While we do not worship any church, yet we dishonor Christ and we miss the mark when we fail to give the proper emphasis to the churches.

We need to emphasize in this

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Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick

Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"... the word of the Lord. . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall
Minister of Revival Promotion,
Sword of the Lord Foundation

I. I am THE SWORD OF THE LORD—

I travel the highways of this nation. I use automobile, bus, and trucks. I ride the trains that go from coast to coast.

I am THE SWORD OF THE LORD—

At times the Word must be gotten out in a hurry so I use the airplane. I also walk on foot.

I am THE SWORD OF THE LORD—

The rural postman takes me out into far country places. The train mail clerk helps me over many thousands of miles.

I am THE SWORD OF THE LORD—

I speak to ministers, teachers, and many humble followers of the Christ. The sick look forward to my visits. The aged, often with feeble hands, holding me unsteady before dim vision, are made stronger by my visits.

I am THE SWORD OF THE LORD—

I take the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to lost men, women, boys, and girls and many come to trust Him. Doxology!

I am THE SWORD OF THE LORD—

I also travel in countries afar. I cross the line into Canada where I enter many homes. I take ship through icy waters on up into Alaska where hearts are made warm. No individual crosses the oceans or spans the Gulf as many times as I.

I am THE SWORD OF THE LORD—

I use the jinricksha, the oxcart, the camel, the elephant, and the ferry boat in lands strange to the one from which I start.

But—doxology—everywhere the results are the same! The lost are saved; the sick are refreshed; the elderly are strengthened; Christians are made strong; the Devil is defeated.

By the way, the Devil does not like me! Do you?

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know!"
D-O-X-O-L-O-G-Y!

II.

The Lord's House

To me Nehemiah is the most practical book in the Old Testament, as First Corinthians is the

most practical in the New Testament.

Nehemiah records movements of the restoration.

Haggai is one of the prophets who ministers in the same period to the same people. He seeks to challenge and encourage God's people, and rebukes them at times.

On every church field I have been in some sort of building movement. What a familiar and self-satisfied cry is this in Haggai 1:2, "The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built."

Haggai argues, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?"

In verses 5 and 6 he shows why they are not prospered in what they do because of this attitude toward the house of the Lord.

It is in connection with building a house of the Lord that we have the familiar Scripture, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:8). Use God's substance for God's House!

Tell me! What finer cause can you think of helping? It means pastors, evangelists, missionaries, laymen young and old, churches, students, and others will be helped every day that rolls around from the hands of the Lord. Acts 5:42. Doxology!

III.

"Heart" in His Work

It is amazing the "heart" many people put into the work of Christ Jesus. Here a woman puts her best for Christ in her offering as follows:

"—, Pennsylvania

"Please excuse paper as I am ill. If you do not hear from me you will know that God our Father has called me home; praise His name forever! My heart is very bad and I am past 71 years, so God knows best. Am sending \$1 to you and God bless all concerned.

"Yours in His precious name for Jesus' sake, Amen."
Read Luke 21:1-4.

IV.

A Member of His Team

Mrs. McCall occasionally goes with me into revival work. She does soul winning with special

Every Need

The other evening I was riding home after a heavy day's work. I felt weary and sore depressed; when swiftly, suddenly, as a lightning flash, came, "My grace is sufficient for thee." I reached home and looked it up in the original, and it came to me in this way, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and I said, "I should think it is, Lord," and burst out laughing. I never fully understood what the holy laughter of Abraham was until then. It seemed to make unbelief so absurd. It was as if some little fish, being very thirsty, was troubled about drinking the river dry, and Father Thames said, "Drink away little fish; my stream is sufficient for thee." Or it seemed like a little mouse in the granaries of Egypt after seven years of plenty fearing it might die of famine. Joseph might say, "Cheer up, little mouse; my granaries are sufficient for thee." Again I imagined a man way up on yonder mountain saying to himself, "I fear I shall exhaust all the oxygen in the atmosphere." But the earth might say, "Breathe away, O man, and fill thy lungs ever; my atmosphere is sufficient for thee."

O brethren, be great believers! Little faith will bring your souls to Heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your souls.—Charles Spurgeon

cases and holds group meetings with the ladies as need may arise. With some spiritual ladies she went visiting through snow on the Jacksonville field in Canada. She did good work in Kansas, Missouri, and other places. I mention this that she may be largely used of the Lord. I have seen her successfully handle juniors, intermediates, young people, and adult groups. In mission work I had the business management of a large paper put in my lap. I had to have someone I could trust minutely with neglected details. Though I knew it was very hard work, she did it as unto the Lord. This helped pull the paper from a large deficit to a large profit. She corrected addresses, read proof, wrote mission books, etc. She did more for less money than anyone in that building. She can do soul winning too! Doxology!

V.

"The Language of Heaven"

I am now informed that well over two-thirds of the printed copies of my book, *The Language of Heaven*, have been sold. I am thankful for the blessings of the Lord upon it and for the reception you gave it! Doxology! Only a very few hundred of the thousands of copies printed are now on hand. Get your copy now! (\$2.00 a copy, beautifully cloth bound.) Make a gift to a friend. Last Sunday in a growing church of Chicago, a pulpit quotation from this book was acknowledged. We get out His Word in every way possible.

VI.

Two Great Books

The Sword of the Lord leads the way in publishing recently two more really great books.

First, I refer to *A Know-So Salvation* by Dr. John R. Rice. He presents this message in three phases, "How to Get it—How to Keep it—How to Know it."

Seven other interesting sermons are found in this book. They are: "... At the Last," "The Seven Saddest Sayings," "A New Heart: Why and How," "Crossing the Deadline," "He Made Up His Mind," "Almost Persuaded," and "Today!"

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Secondly, I refer to *Some Dogs I Have Known* by Dr. Bob Shuler. He begins his sermon with the sparkling statement, "The more I know of dogs, the less I think of some folks." You will want to laugh and cry as you read this sermon. Nine other sermons of this volume are shared, three by his sons, one by his father. Pictures of members of this interesting family adorn the first pages of the book.

Order your copy now! Price, \$2.00.

THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Do you pray for the editor? In Ephesians 6:8, after urging the Christians at Ephesus to put on the whole armor of God, he commanded them to be "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Notice the remarkable series of "alls" in that verse.

"Always"

"All prayer"

"All perseverance"

"All saints"

Then when Paul had commanded Christians to be always praying for all the saints, he adds this rather pathetic and urgent plea. The old preacher in jail, burdened for all the work of the churches writes urging them to pray for him. He says, "And for me, that utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Eph. 6:19, 20). Oh, dear friends, I need your prayers. I need the wisdom of God. I need the power of the Holy Spirit. I must have God to move on hearts to help, or this work will fail. In Jesus' name I beg you to pray.

Meet Dr. Beauchamp Vick

Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick is pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Detroit. Under his leadership, the church has grown and prospered in a remarkable way. The average attendance in Sunday School last year was 3,584. This year the average is higher. 1,315 converts were accepted for baptism in Temple Baptist Church last year and 411 came by transfer from other Baptist churches. A new auditorium is being built, expected to seat 5,000. Brother Vick knows how to build a soul-winning Sunday School and we hope his article in this issue of THE SWORD will be an inspiration and help to many pastors and Christian workers who are burdened about building a great church and Sunday School.

Our Friend Died; Who Will Take His Place?

A friend of THE SWORD OF THE LORD some years ago loaned us \$5,000. A few months ago he died. Now the note is coming due in a few days and the \$5,000 must be repaid to his estate. For one reason or another, some of our borrowed capital must be replaced from time to time. We need now some \$10,000 in replacement loans, for the regular day-by-day business of the Sword of the Lord. Do you have money that you would like to invest in our great work by lending it to the Sword of the Lord for one year, three years, or five years? We pay 4% interest, interest payable semi-annually. Besides helping God's work, you may thus receive good interest on your money. Interest is paid when due, principal is paid promptly when due. As soon as we receive the money, with instructions as to how long to make the loan, a Sword of the Lord note is executed, signed by president and secretary of the Sword Foundation, sealed with the foundation seal, and returned to you. Who will take the place of our friend who has gone to be with the Lord, and replace his loan, and others?

Mrs. R. A. Torrey Dies

It has been a pleasure to us that Mrs. R. A. Torrey, widow of the famous evangelist, R. A. Torrey, has been our neighbor in Wheaton, living three or four blocks away. Mrs. R. A. Torrey died a few days ago at the age of 94. (Her famous husband died about 1928.) Mrs. Torrey was a lover of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, a lover of revivals. I never knew Dr. Torrey, but his books have been a blessing untold to me, as to countless others. He really built Moody Bible Institute, as an associate of D. L. Moody; later he was the strongest single factor in the development of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Now

Mrs. Torrey is in Heaven with him!

"Ma" Sunday, God Bless Her

Mrs. W. A. (Billy) Sunday is a tremendous influence for good, and our greatly-treasured friend. From her home at Winona Lake, Indiana, she writes, "Dear John: Read your editorial and it is a fine plan. I sincerely hope people will respond. I'm going to send in 25 subscriptions as fast as I can. These 6 at \$1.50 each make \$9.00 which I enclose." About her I feel as Paul felt about Phebe. "I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea . . . for she hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also." (Rom. 16:1, 2) If Mrs. Sunday, at 86, can send in subscriptions, and takes the burden to spread revival fires in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, surely others ought to do as much, and many should do much more. Now it is time for definite action. Will you accept a quota and start today to help us reach 200,000 paid subscriptions?

The Anointed Evangelist, J Wilbur Chapman

We have felt a deep burden of soul to spread the revival preaching of great men of the past so that others might, like them, do the kind of preaching that brings (Continued on page 3)

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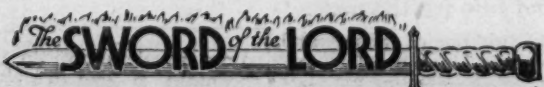
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News Flashes From Christian Schools

by Rev. Walter E. Handford, Manager
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Southland Bible Institute of Pikeville, Kentucky announces Rev. Oliver Juliusson as new Executive Vice-President. He will be teaching a number of subjects as well as helping in the administrative work in this fine independent Bible School.

Rev. Juliusson is a graduate of Augsburg Seminary and College with post-graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He has had 15 years in the pastorate plus teaching work at Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis.

Dr. Albert S. Nichols, Director of Admission, Wheaton College, reports capacity enrollment again this year. Several years ago the Trustees of Wheaton College voted to limit the enrollment to 1600 graduates and undergraduates. They felt that the facilities of the school could not adequately handle more students than the 1600. Dr. Nichols stated that the enrollment was already filled for this fall by January and that only a few others are being taken to fill last-minute cancellations.

Wheaton College has a lovely new Dining Hall, Library Building and Student Center.

The new catalog from Southern California Bible College has just come to my desk. This school is located in Costa Mesa, California, just outside of Los Angeles. It is

the Assemblies of God school for southern California. Students last year came from 23 states, Canada and two foreign countries. If you are in the Assemblies of God denomination, or of Pentecostal faith you may be interested in their catalog. Write to Southern California Bible College, Costa Mesa, California.

In May I had the joy of being on the Bob Jones University campus for the commencement activities. The seven million dollar plant is impressive with its lovely new buildings and expansive green lawns. But more impressive was the emphasis in all the activities on soul winning. Repeatedly throughout the chapel programs came the call for a return to old-time evangelism and revival fire.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder of the school, was at his best. The student speech and music events were of top quality.

The production of Shakespeare's "Othello" by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., and the University Players was superb. Everything went off without a hitch. The acting and stage settings were remarkable.

If you know of some one looking for a fine Christian school they will want to send for a complete descriptive catalog. Write to Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

The Editor's Notes

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repentance and revival. We print again, by the courtesy of Fleming Revell Company, another sermon by J. Wilbur Chapman in this issue. Will you note how plain it is on the sin question, how solemnly it warns sinners that God will cast them off if they continue without repentance? Oh, may God raise up preachers to whom sin and Hell and death and judgment are realities; preachers who will not fear the face of men, will not adapt their preaching to please the critics, the modernists, the worldlings, the pussyfooters; preachers who will not cater to the opinions of the sinful heart, but will declare God's warnings as earnestly as they declare God's love! And unconverted sinners who read this, I beg you to take most solemnly to heart the warnings of Dr. Chapman and the tender, blessed Scriptural message on "I Am the Door" by our dear friend, Dr. Walter Hughes.

Where Else Can You Find This Kind of Christian Paper?

I have just been going over the contents we have prepared for this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We know God is in it. And where else in the world can you have such plain preaching and teaching by the greatest soul winners of past and present, as in THE SWORD OF THE LORD? Don't you see what God will help us do, if we put THE SWORD into 200,000 homes within the next year? Will you help by taking a definite quota, putting your name down to the agreement and solemnly joining hands with us in this holy task?

Dental Training for Missionaries

A course giving dental training for work on the mission field is being offered free of tuition to anyone going out as a missionary by my good friend and Christian brother, Mr. W. G. Lewis, of Lincoln, Nebraska, father of Missionary Norman Lewis whose messages we often carry in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. His concern for dental care of missionaries, as well as natives, has caused him to put his dental training ahead of his large Lincoln Hatchery, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. Lewis says, "When you have completed the course, you will be able to take x-rays, make extractions, place good, permanent fillings, etc. You can pull loose and aching teeth for natives and thus open many and many a heart to the gospel."

Mr. Lewis adds: "Lack of cash need not keep you out. Write me your circumstances and we will see what can be done."

If interested, write Mr. W. G. Lewis, P. O. Box 704, Lincoln, Nebraska.

avoid the awful remorse which often comes upon people who have wasted their lives. You will remember that the song, "Must I Go, and Empty-Handed?" was written from the statement of a man who accepted Christ late in life and just a short time before he lay upon his deathbed. His expression of wasted years is found in these words:

*Must I go, and empty handed
Must I meet my Saviour so?
Not one soul with which to greet Him,
Must I empty-handed go?*

III. Winning Children to Christ Saves Them From the Awful Ravages of Sin

To win drunks and dope-fiends is good, but it is better to win boys and girls before they come to that place.

Gipsy Smith, the famous evangelist, was in a rescue mission service where many men were standing and telling about their years of sinning, and how God saved them out of terrible sin. Some had been drunkards, some dope-fiends, others thieves. After a while Gipsy Smith rose to his feet to give his testimony, and he said, "Men, I thank God that Jesus saved me before I came to the place of terrible and awful sin."

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Sword Employees Promise 5,070 Subscriptions

By the Editor

In our God-given plan to seek 200,000 paid subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD by the twentieth anniversary, September 28, 1954, we are receiving wonderful co-operation from Sword of the Lord employees. Nearly all of these workers have accepted quotas, and have set out to give or raise some definitely-accepted quota of subscriptions within the next thirteen months. Already they have adopted individual quotas which total 5,070 yearly subscriptions! It will go higher than that, because others have yet to prayerfully decide the thirteen months' quota they will undertake.

Some Solemn Questions

First, ought it to be done? Would it honor God to double the circulation and influence and blessing of THE SWORD OF THE LORD? We are convinced that it would, and that this increase ought to be done by the twentieth anniversary of the founding of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. That anniversary comes September 28, 1954.

Can it be done? Undoubtedly it can, but only if many people accept a definite responsibility and do their part.

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Why Win Children To Christ

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ways works through His people."

In this message I want to give six reasons why we should win children to the Saviour.

I. Children Need to Be Saved

When a child reaches the age of accountability, he needs salvation. He is lost and needs the saving grace of God.

The question has often been asked: What is the age of accountability? No one can set a definite date and say that it is the age of accountability. For my part, I believe any child has come to the age of accountability when he knows right from wrong. From the time of this knowledge a child needs salvation.

Before the time of accountability God watches over the little ones. All babies go to Heaven—the babies of the Negro, the Jew, the Japanese, the heathen, and the pagan.

Miss Mary Mahl, who recently returned from Arabia, told of the tragic condition in the place where she was stationed. She said that nine out of ten babies died because of disease and poor treatment. All of these little ones are carried into God's presence. We cannot always know about an adult who goes from us, whether he is saved or lost, but we do know about the babies.

Returning to the theme before us of the salvation of children; after they come to the age of accountability, they need to be saved. Yes, they are still fine, sweet, innocent children, but without Christ they are lost. And if

they should perish without Him, they would go into an eternal Hell.

There is just one way of salvation for all people. It takes the same work of grace to save a child as it does to save a grown person. All are saved alike by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The way of salvation should be taught to children from their earliest years. The Word of God should be given in all of its purity and the child should be pointed to the Saviour, who is able to save all who come unto Him.

In the teaching of children, in our talking with them, we should be very careful to put the emphasis on salvation through Christ. The matter of joining the church, of being baptized, of living for God, should be kept in the background until the child is made to see his need of Christ, and Christ as the one way of salvation.

Yes, we should win children because they need to be saved.

II. Winning Children to Christ Saves Them From Many Wasted Years

If opportunity was given, many of you would stand to your feet and tell of your wasted years. Some of you were saved when you were twenty, thirty, forty, and fifty. The years are gone now, and nothing can be done to bring them back.

When a child comes to Jesus, the whole life is before him. It is possible for the Saviour to have the life as well as the soul.

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Tips for S. S. Workers

By Mrs. Walter E. Handford

Small Incentives

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Napoleon gave bronze medals to the men who fought beside him. Someone scoffed, "They're toys—just toy!" Napoleon, knowing the light kindled in the eyes of men receiving the medal, replied, "Men will die for toys, when they represent honor."

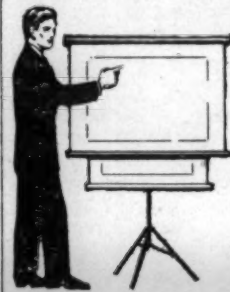
Cultivate enthusiasm in your Sunday School class by making some small thing the reward for work accomplished. It will stimulate interest, and encourage faithfulness.

(By the way, you can get the seals—flowers, birds, or animals—from the Gospel Souvenir House, Royal Oaks, Michigan. A book of 60 seals costs 10c. Will you say you saw it mentioned in "The Sword"? That will help us.)

Visual Aids for the Adults

Most Sunday School teachers know the value of "something to see" when teaching youngsters. Somehow, we sometimes forget that grown-ups like to see abstracts visualized, too. Watch how their curiosity is whetted, if you stand before them with something rolled up in your hand!

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I thought, "What a job they must have, trying to get a report on how many are here each Sunday. It must take the whole week just to find out the total attendance!" But it didn't! By the time the closing bell for Sunday School had rung, the Sunday School superintendent had in his hands a complete report. The pastor announced in church the total attendance, and set goals for the attendance for the next Sunday. You may be sure they had a simple, accurate system for keeping their Sunday School records, not only for attendance totals, but also for the visitation program.

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Only an Hour a Week—Can That Change a Life?

Once upon a time I had a class of Junior boys—had them for four years, in fact. They were rowdy, they were boisterous, they came from homes where the Lord Jesus was unknown and unhonored. We

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON, 216 South 29th Street, Belleville, Illinois, recently closed a glorious revival in the Calvary Temple, Augusta, Georgia, where Rev. Garland Riggle is pastor. 13 professed Christ as Saviour as well as many rededications among Christians. The pastor says: "... I would like to recommend Brother Oughton to some church that wants a real movement of the Spirit..."

EVANGELIST RALPH M. DAVIDSON, Box 77, Coffeyville, Kansas, recently held a revival among Christians in the Harrisburg (Missouri) Baptist Church, where Rev. Chuck Hendrickson is pastor. Other neighboring churches cooperated to make the meeting a success. The pastor commends Rev. Davidson highly.

EVANGELIST FREDDIE GAGE, Decatur, Texas, and Song leader Jimmy Snellen closed a great revival in the First Baptist Church of Port Neches, Texas, recently. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Clement, said that 41 persons were converted and baptized. The church voted to have the evangelist return for two weeks in 1955.

EVANGELIST CLIFTON BRANNON, 626 Electra Street, Longview, Texas, held a revival

had such good times together, and many times the Holy Spirit helped as we studied the Bible together. But always, in the back of my mind, I could see the shabby homes, and the unbelieving parents, and I would wonder, "Lord, how can I, in just one hour a week, overcome that background, and help these boys to be good Christians?"

In real perplexity, I wrote Daddy about it. He replied, "Well, it would be impossible to change hearts and lives in one hour a week, if you're trying to do it by yourself. But if you'll let the Holy Spirit help you, He can do in one hour everything that is needed in that boy's heart."

Teachers, be comforted by the fact that an all-sufficient God will use your lips, and your life, to transform young lives—if you'll let Him!

from July 22 through August 2 in the First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas. 45 converts were baptized during the twelve days of meetings and 30 members added to the church. Pastor Travis S. Berry says of Brother Brannon: "... I recommend him as a man of prayer and as one of the best personal workers I have ever known and as an evangelist who will give himself without reserve in all situations to labor for the cause of the Lord."

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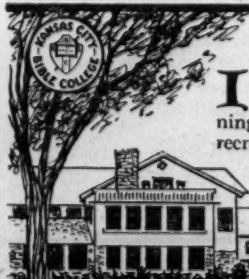
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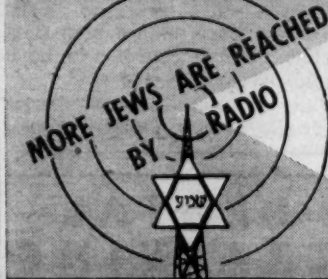
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NEW YORK, August 13, 1953—This week Word of Life Director Jack Wyrten announced the signing of a contract for purchase of one of the most exclusive resort clubs in the Adirondacks, the famous Brown Swan Club in Schroon Lake, New York. Word of Life Fellowship will convert the club

on August 31st into a spiritual mountain retreat for adults. The first conference will run from August 31st through Labor Day, climaxed with the Dedication Day, September 5th, when the Word of Life Hour broadcast will originate from these grounds.

Minneapolis to Host National Sunday School Convention

Minneapolis, Minnesota, Sunday school leaders are preparing for the coming of the National Sunday School convention to their city's Municipal Auditorium, October 14, 15 and 16. The Minnesota State committee totalling 100 is planning to see the 8,000-seat auditorium filled each evening. Speakers will be: Rev. A. L. Brown, president of NSSA, Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. A. S. London, Dr. Rebecca Price, Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Dr. Henrietta Mears, and Rev. Charles W. Conn. 50 workshops will also be included. For a copy of the program write to National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

Why Win Children To Christ?

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I came as a sinner to Jesus, but my life was spared the awful toll of sin which you have had to pay."

To reclaim the prodigal is well, but to save him from being a prodigal is still better.

Last year in America we spent fifteen billions of dollars for crime. All of the churches gath-

ered in a little more than one billion. There is a way to reduce this crime bill. It is by bringing the children to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

IV. Winning Children to Christ Saves Them From the False Cults and isms so Prevalent Today

How many parents have lived to regret their hands-off policy in the lives of their children. The children have grown up without any instruction on the way of salvation from parents. And after a time some false cult or ism began to claim the attention of the child, and after a while perhaps took his soul and his life.

In our own city there are false teachings on every hand. The false teachers are often more aggressive than the true teachers of the Word. Therefore, children must be won to Christ and taught the Word of God so that false doctrines will not pull them away.

They must be taught at home. This means that parents need instruction so they can in turn instruct the child.

Children must be taught in the Sunday School and in the church. They must have Christ so lifted up before their eyes that other teachings will not appeal to them.

Win the children to Christ and you will save a soul and a life.

V. Winning Children to Christ Saves Lives for the Service of Christ

The salvation of an aged man is good, but there is not much service for Christ in those of advanced age. His days for soul winning are limited. His opportunities to prepare himself for Christian service are gone.

A man or a woman of middle age and past is handicapped in many ways. It is difficult for them to learn. It is hard for them to break away from the old life and to launch out into a new. Fields for full time service are limited to those who have gone on past the middle of life.

Serving Christ takes energy, vigor, and training. I do not mean that old people cannot serve God, for they certainly can, but I do emphasize that youth is needed. Somebody states the matter in this way:

"Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy instead of twenty-five. There would have been no Paul history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not at seventy. A Dr. Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty. A Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not at eighty. A Richard Bax-

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The Shepherd and the Wise Men

The sun was just sinking down behind the hills as a group of shepherds brought their sheep back from the little stream. The flocks spread out over the hills, nibbling at tufts of the fresh green grass. Some of them settled down to chew their cud as the last rays of sunlight died away.

When the sun was gone, the shepherds gathered some dead branches together and made a little fire to keep the chill of the evening off. Soon it was completely dark except for the flickering light of the fire. The shepherds talked together and kept watch on their sheep.

Suddenly as the shepherds half slept sitting on the ground an angel appeared to them and a bright light shone all around them. The shepherds were very scared and wondered what was going to happen. If I had been there I would have been frightened, too, wouldn't you?

But the angel had good news for them and said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:10-12).

When the angel finished talking lots of other angels appeared and said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Then the angels went back to heaven as quickly as they had come.

The shepherds decided they must leave their flocks and hurry into the city of Bethlehem where the angel said they would find Jesus. Quickly they ran and found Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus lying in a manger of the stable behind the inn of Bethlehem. Wasn't this a strange place for a king to be born in? Probably they told Mary and Joseph about the angel's coming. As they looked at the little baby they may have thought of all the long years the Jewish people had been waiting for their Saviour; somebody who would take away their sins, and be their King. How many, many years they had waited! Here He was, at last.

Possibly that same night several wealthy wise men were traveling toward Jerusalem from Babylon. They probably rode camels on their long 500-mile journey. They had seen a strange star. God had shown them, probably by His Spirit and by study of the Old Testament that this star was announcing the birth of Jesus. They were coming to worship the baby. These wise men had lovely gifts of gold, frankin-

cense and myrrh ready to give the baby when they found Him.

As they came to Jerusalem they went to Herod the king and asked, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" (Matt. 2:2).

When Herod heard about another "King of the Jews" being born he was troubled. He wondered what would happen to him if another king had been born. What if he should try to take Herod's throne? Quickly Herod called the leaders of the Jews and asked them where the Christ promised in the Old Testament was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea," because in Micah 5:2 we read that out of Bethlehem should come a ruler to rule the Jews.

When the wise men left Herod the star appeared again and led them to the place in Bethlehem where Jesus was. They went in and worshipped the baby. I imagine they kneeled down and thanked God for sending His Son. Then they laid out their lovely gifts for the baby on the straw.

Herod had asked the wise men to return and tell him where Jesus was so that he might also go and worship the baby. But God knew that Herod really wanted to kill the baby Jesus, so he warned the wise men to return home another way. Herod became very angry

when he found that the wise men had fooled him. He ordered his soldiers to kill all of the children in Bethlehem 2 years old and under. He thought surely this would destroy Jesus. Wasn't that a wicked thing for Herod to do? Don't you think Satan put it in Herod's heart to have Jesus killed? Satan didn't want Jesus to grow up and die on the cross to be our Saviour, did he?

But God told Joseph in a dream to take Mary and the baby down into Egypt to save His life. The next morning they got up real early and left for Egypt before the soldiers could kill Jesus. So Herod and Satan failed in their plans.

That was just like God to take care of Jesus, wasn't it? God protected Jesus so He could later die on the cross for our sins. And God wants to take care of you, too. Lots and lots of times the Lord keeps you from being run over by a car, or from some other danger that you don't even know about. Can you remember some time when God has protected you from some accident or harm? Jesus later on told in Matthew 18:10 that we have angels in heaven that tell God about any special danger we might be in. Isn't that wonderful?

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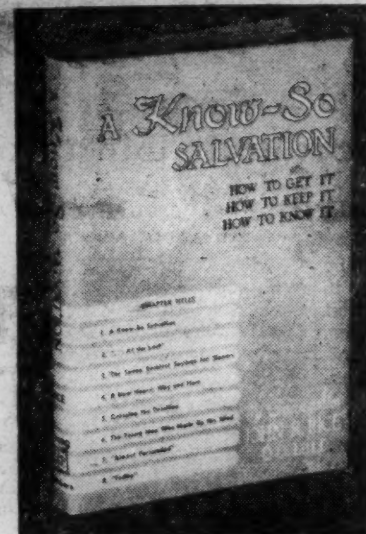


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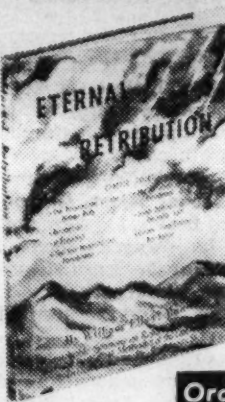
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Why Win Children To Christ?

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ter because he was converted-at six and not at sixty. How much more a soul is worth that has a lifetime before it than the soul that has nothing."

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Yes, we have divine commendation upon the matter of winning children to the Saviour; as a matter of fact, everyone who is saved has to become as a little child, for Jesus said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Jesus said that adults must become as children. We have reversed this teaching and we try to make children become as adults. To be saved we must all come as little children, confessing the fact that we are sinners and receiving Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

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Rose Mary went back, her heart full of anguish that overflowed in tears. When questioned by the teacher as to the cause, the child "who was too little to understand," said, "My parents don't want me to be a Christian, and now my teacher doesn't want me to be one either."

Rose Mary and the teacher knelt together in the schoolroom, and though young of years, she accepted Jesus Christ and entered into life.

Who Should Win Children to Christ?

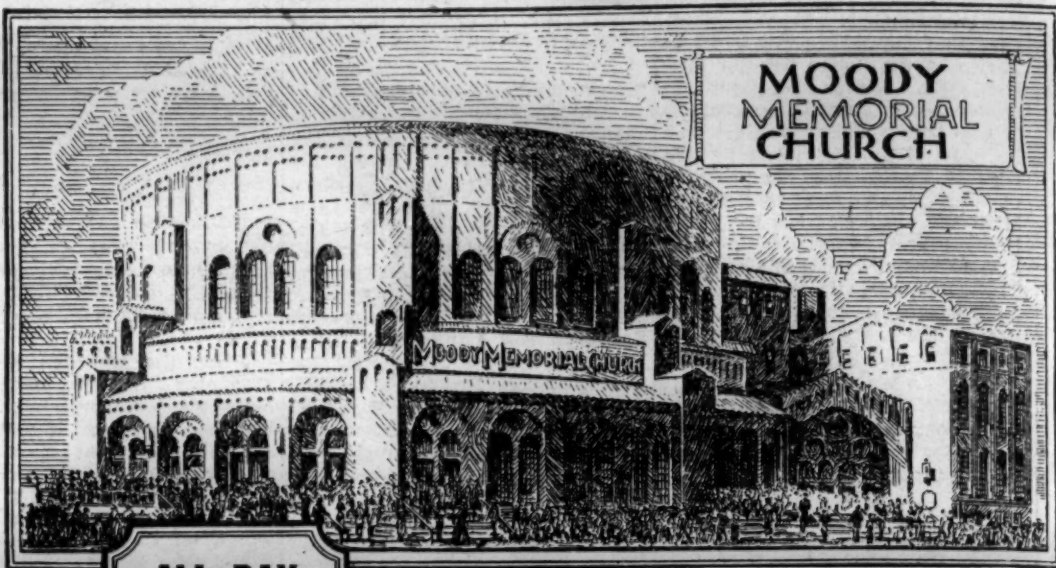
And, now in closing, who should win children to the Saviour? First, Sunday School teachers should be soul winners of boys and girls. A big business man took a friend of his out to a cemetery one day. After parking the car, the business man walked across to a grave and tenderly placed flowers upon it. He bowed his head and stood there a few moments, apparently in prayer and meditation. His friend was watching him from the car. After a while he returned and drove on.

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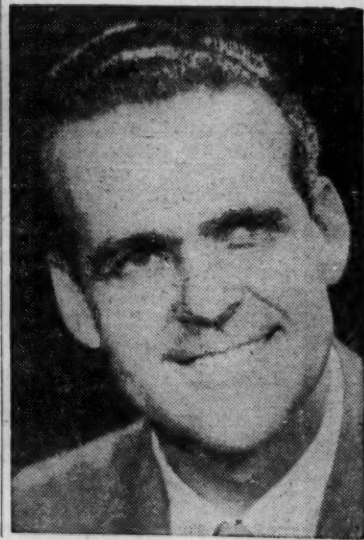
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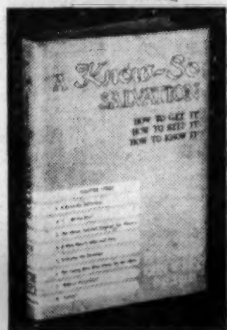
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his knees in a Y.M.C.A. room in South Chicago, he prayed until 2 a.m. and solemnly pledged himself to God that God might use him, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and the other Gospel literature and his leadership with preachers to bring back great city-wide revival campaigns. Such great city wide campaigns came to him in Seattle, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, Winston-Salem, etc. Youth for Christ was born. Scores of other men were led out into full-time revival work, many of them introduced through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. God used Youth for Christ, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Billy Graham, Merv Rosell, Jack Shuler, Joe Henry Hankins, Hyman Appelmann, Jesse Hendley, and many others. Great city-wide revivals came back to America. Praise God!

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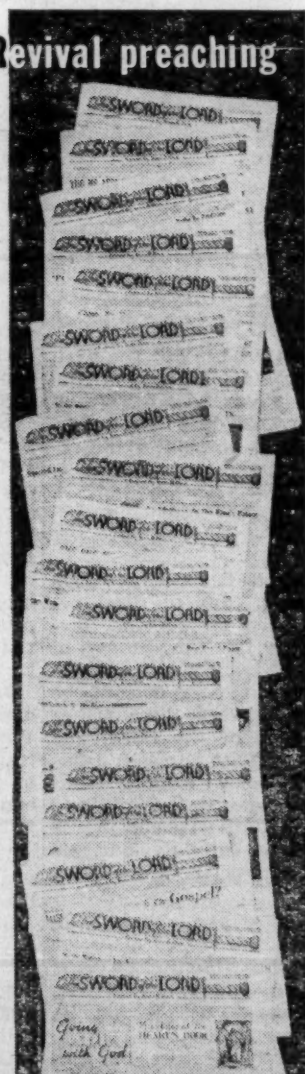
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Why Win Children To Christ?

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The friend was curious, He said, "I suppose that is the grave of your mother."

The business man replied, "No, it is not the grave of my mother."

The friend asked two or three more questions, trying to find out to whom the grave belonged.

Finally, the business man said, "The Sunday School teacher who led me to Christ is buried in that grave. I go often to place flowers upon it, and to rededicate my life and renew my vows to God."

Sunday School teachers, you are to be winners of children.

Pastors and Christian workers are to be winners of children. No pastor should get so busy that he is not concerned about the boys and girls. He must not disregard or neglect the smallest one who comes forward, but must endeavor to point each one to the Saviour.

All who name the name of Christ are to be concerned for children. We must win them for the sake of their eternal souls. We must win them for the work of the Saviour. If this church is to grow and go on, then we must win the children and teach them in the things of the Lord. No church can do a mighty work if it uses only those who are saved late in life. Yes, every Christian is to be concerned about children, and to seek to bring them to the Saviour, tenderly and kindly.

Finally, parents are to be winners of children. There must be no shifting of this responsibility. If you fail in this, your hands

will be bloody, and your life will be marred by sorrow and tragedy.

Mothers and father, go after the children; earnestly, prayerfully, tell them of Jesus. Continue to work until they are saved. Win them to Christ when they are young. Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Keep the Bible, the church, and Christian service first in their lives. If this is done, you will have nothing to regret in the years to come.

Said a precious laddie to his father one bright day,

"May I give myself to Jesus, let Him wash my sins away?"

"Oh, my son, but you're too little; wait until you older grow, Bigger folk, 'tis true, do need Him, but little folk are safe, you know."

Said the father to his laddie, as a storm was coming on,

"Are the sheep safely sheltered, safe within the fold, my son?"

"All the big ones are, my father, but the lambs, I let them go, For I didn't think it mattered; little ones are safe, you know."

Oh, my brother, oh, my sister, have you, too, made that mistake?

Little hearts that now are yielded, may be hardened then, too late.

Ere the evil days come nigh them, let the children come to Me,

And forbid them not, said Jesus, for of such shall my kingdom be.

Christ The Door

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of the sheep, there was no door across it so as to fasten the fold securely at night. On the shepherd's being asked the reason of this, he replied, with evident surprise, "I am the door." It was his custom to lie down at night in the aperture and then no sheep could get out unless he became aware of it. The travelers at once recalled our Lord's words, "I am the door," and they recognized the exact correspondence between that utterance and the life of the Eastern shepherd today.

Christ is the Only Door

Jesus did not say, "I am a door." He said, "I am the door." There is a vast difference between a door and the door. There is only one door into God's fold and that door is Christ. He is the only door.

"There is none other name given under heaven among men, whereby we must be saved." Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

He is a solitary Savior for sinning men. There is no other Savior.

Near the deathbed of a man who all his days professed infidelity and who belonged to the infidel club of his city, this testimony was found:

I've tried in vain a thousand ways, My fears to quell, my hopes to raise;

But what I need, the Bible says, Is ever, only Jesus.

There are many trying, as he did, the thousand ways, but we must come to the place, as he did, where we recognize and gladly confess that Christ is the only way.

So many are trying religion, and others respectability, and some reformation, but all these are none availing. Christ is the only door. Oh, that we could get men's minds off ritual and their own deeds and vain hope, and to look to Christ who died for their sins and rose again for their justification. None but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

My only hope must be in Jesus, To lose the burden of my sin; There is no other power to help me,

Anew in Christ I must begin. There is no other Savior given, No other hope beyond the grave; No other Name in earth or heaven,

Thy guilty, dying soul to save. Christ is the only door.

Christ is Also the Open Door

Christ is the entrance, or the door open. He is the open door that no man can shut. After all these years the door is still open today. God alone knows how soon the door will shut and no more sheep will enter the fold.

The thought of the open door gives us the picture of Christ standing with open arms and pierced hands and tenderly saying, "Come."

Moody used to tell the story of the Scotch girl who wandered away from God and the father's (Continued on page 8)

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instruction and mother's counsel and went deeply into sin. One night in a wild frenzy in the city of Edinburgh she concluded that she would commit suicide but that before doing so she would go out and look once more upon the home where she was born and had spent her youth. When in the middle of the night she came to the neighborhood again and finally up to the mother's gate, it was dark, and so she lifted the latch and stole in. As she walked up the path she got the scent of the old flowers, the mignonette and the pinks, and she moved on up the

path until she came to the door of the cottage, and to her surprise she found the door wide open. In fear lest some harm might have come to the old mother she called, and Mother answered. The girl said, "Mother, I found the door open."

And the old Scotch mother got up and came down and said, "Maggie, it is many a long day since you went away, but always the prayer has been in my heart, 'Lord, send her home.' And I said, 'Whether she come by night or day I want her to see an open door and know she is welcome!'"

And that night the girl was clasped in Mother's arms of love and forgiveness and it all suggested the Divine love and the possibility of Divine pardon. And so by the open door of Mother's cottage she found her way back to the open door of Christ, the way into Divine love and pardon and cleansing.

Yes, the door is open, inviting, appealing, entreating, enticing, welcoming, wooing and, thank God, winning.

*There is a gate that stands ajar,
And through its portals gleaming,*

*A radiance from the cross afar,
The Saviour's love revealing.*

*That gate ajar stands free for all,
Who seek through it salvation;
The rich and poor, the great and small
Of every tribe and nation.*

*Oh, depth of mercy! can it be
That gate was left ajar for me?
For me . . . for me?
Was left ajar for me?
Christ is the open door.*

Now let us consider some of the privileges one enjoys who enters the door.

He Finds Protection (*"He shall be saved."*)

Here we are brought face to face with the primary and fundamental need of men everywhere. The Gospel is the good news of salvation. The man who enters the door by faith will find

Protection from the Pangs of the Past. God knows, and so do we, that we need just that. The past is like a nightmare. It follows like a black shadow. It rises like a black, big hand in the night to terrorize and torment. Memory haunts and threatens. In every home there seems to be a skeleton in the closet, a relic of the past. Oh, for someone to cleanse the stains and heal the hurts of yesterday!

*Trust me, no torture that the poets name
Can match the fierce, unutterable pain He feels;
Who night and day, devoid of rest,
Carries His own accuser in His breast.*

But he who by faith enters the door, finds the past left behind, the old is gone. The blood of Christ blots out the darkest record at one stroke.

How often many a man when thinking of his yesterdays has said:

*I wish there were some wonderful place,
Called the land of beginning again;
Where all our mistakes, and all our heartaches,
And all of our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door,
And never put on anymore.*

Hallelujah! there is such a place. Blessed be God! It can be done—

*There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.
The Perils of the Present.*

Thank God He blots out the past, but He also stays with us in the present. He saves me now. We all need a Saviour just for today. How blessed to be able to sing:

*Moment by moment I'm kept in His love,
Moment by moment I've life from above.*

These are difficult days—days of perplexity; days of deep depression. Christ is just the Saviour for a day like this. Storms of suffering and tempests of temptation may rage, but the door of the fold stands between these things and the sheep of the flock, and that door is Christ Himself. Jesus is the open door of salvation, but a shut door against the cold and the storm and the robber in the night. He is a daily Saviour. He saves from the perils of the present.

*In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour;
In times when temptation cast o'er me its power;
In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.*

The Fear of the Future. He saves from the past and for the present and from the future. In more sober moments every man wonders what is ahead. That is why so many bustle about so much. They are buried in business and plunged into pleasure in order, like the ostrich, to hide the eyes from the future. But it's there. It's there. Yes! the future is there. But you need not fear it; you need not tremble at the thought of eternity if you have Christ dwelling in the heart by faith. He removes the menace of the judgment. There is no Black Friday ahead for the Christian. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." Hallelujah, nothing ahead of which to dread. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

But there is more than protection suggested by the text—

There is Also Privilege

He shall go in and out.

There is privilege, liberty, in that. Only those who have been found by Christ and have come into the fold are really free. The sheep, lost, out in the mountain, near the yawning gorge or the howling wolves, is not free. It is the sheep of the flock that are free.

In Christ there is not only life; there is abounding life. Liberty is found in Christ; life is slavery without Him. No man is really free unless Christ has shorn him of his shackles.

*He is a freeman whom the Truth makes free,
And all are slaves beside.*

So the text reminds us that we not only come in for salvation but we go out for service—out into the world, the workshop, the office, for Christ. There is liberty in the Lord.

The text also tells us that there is not only protection and privilege, but

There is Provision in Christ

And find pasture.

Christ looks after the sheep of His flock. They are starving sheep on the mountain wild, but the sheep of His flock are sheep of His pasture. They are satisfied sheep. He succors His saints. He satisfies our mouth with good things. He feeds the flock.

Have you ever seen cattle trying to find grass on a yellow pasture where there is nothing but here and there a brown stalk or a weed that turns to dust in their mouths?

That is your life without Christ. But if you know Him you will be able to testify that He leads those who are His into the green pastures and beside still waters. Christ gives provision.

Hugh Price Hughes, in his last will and testament, wrote: "Put on my tombstone

*Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find.*

So we see that if by faith we enter this only and open Door, there is protection, privilege, provision. There is forgiveness, freedom, food.

Have you entered in? This is the question, reader. Have you? It is not enough to know a great deal about the Door, or to admire it. It is not enough to get close to the Door and peep in to see some of the delights within. You must enter the Door. Some have been looking and longing but have never entered. The text says, "He that enters in [not looks], shall be saved."

If any man enter. I like that, don't you? How all-inclusive! What a welcome! No matter how learned or otherwise, whether rich or poor, moral or immoral, Christ can be all this to you if you will trust Him.

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*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "thus saith the Lord."*

*Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;*

*Just in simple faith to plunge me,
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
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*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
Oh, for grace to trust Him more.*

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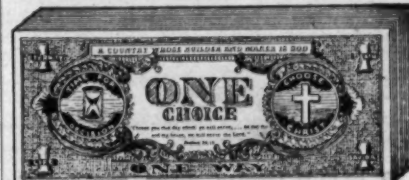
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Cast Off Because . . .

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and enlarge upon the others. "My God will cast them off because—."

There is always a reason and the responsibility never rests with God. If any man is ever finally lost, it will be in spite of God's mercy, and in the face of His constant pleadings. "My God will cast them off because—." "God willeth not the death of any sinner but that all may turn unto him and live." That is God's position. There is another text of Scripture which I think ought to be read in this connection. It is exceedingly striking: "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." If you are ever finally lost the responsibility must be upon you and upon no one else. "My God will cast them off because—."

I have, specially in these last days, been turning over the pages of the Old Testament. I find that the Old Testament is a marvelous picture of God. Take away the New Testament and you will be amazed at the story of God in the Old Testament. I find the story of His yearning when He walks through the garden in the cool of the day, saying, "Where art thou?" I find an illustration of His compassion when David hears Absalom is dead. He staggers down the stair between the gates saying, "O Absalom, my son, my son, would God I had died for thee," for as a father David is a picture of God. I turn again to the Old Testament and I find the best possible illustration of His love, in His yearning for Israel. You must take story and add to story in the Old Testament if you would know Him.

Then turn to the pages of the New Testament and behold Him manifest in the flesh. Watch Jesus as He heals the sick, opens the eyes of the blind, blesses the little children, comforts the sorrowing mothers, gives peace to the distracted fathers, and then hear Him saying, "He that hath seen me hath seen my Father also." And you never know the pity of God until you see it in Jesus. You never understand the compassion of God until you find it in His Son. You never know the immeasurableness of His love until you see Jesus by day and by night with the tears in His eyes, the blood upon His brow, the scourges upon His back and agony in His heart, seeking, seeking and seeking again. Put the Old Testament and the New Testament together and I do not understand how any of you can resist this pleading.

I like to find this text of mine in the prophecy of Hosea for three reasons. First, because Hosea himself was almost a brokenhearted man. You know the story of his wife; she had betrayed him again and again, and still he loved her. He pardoned her only to be betrayed again. He took her back unto him only to have her disgrace him still again. And in his treatment of his wife, Hosea gives us a great illustration of God's treatment of Israel. Quivering with pain, his eyes full of tears, with his heart almost breaking, he gives us this prophecy and as he comes to the close of one of the heights of his arguments he gives us this text. Hear this expression, "Oh Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity." "I will heal their backslidings, I will love them freely, for mine anger is turned away."

The other day in reading the comments upon this prophecy, I found that he gave this title to the whole prophecy: "Man's sin against love." And it is a sad thing that you may sin against love. Some have sinned against their mothers' love. A man concerning whom I have a note, received recently, has sinned against his wife's love.

Many have sinned against God's love. It is a sad thing that you can do it, but you have done it and you are doing it, and for you the text is spoken: "My God will cast them off because—." I want you to let these words sink deep into your heart. You must remember that God is the same yesterday, today and forever, that you are still dealing with the God revealed in the Old Testament in His treatment of Israel, only the

picture tonight is more intense, the danger is greater, the sin is greater, because added to the God of Israel we have Jesus of Nazareth, we have the Son of God, we have the Saviour of men.

I. Lost Because of Preoccupation

It was an awful thing in the light of all God's dealings for Israel to reject Him. Where is there a man with power of mind great enough, with speech thrilling enough, to tell men what the sin of rejecting Jesus Christ really is? Turning over the pages of the Old Testament I find two or three texts which give me an illustration of man's drifting from God. In them I read your story. The first text is in Hosea 4:6. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." They refused to know. Taken up with other things they turned a deaf ear unto God's pleadings.

I believe that the first step away from God is *preoccupation*. There are too many of us today who are occupied with trifling things instead of eternal questions. You are considering the gaining of a fortune. That is not wrong in itself, but you had better not consider the gaining of wealth until you can be sure about your eternity. You have been taken up with the pursuit of pleasure, possibly not wrong in itself, but it would be well for us to turn away from everything else until we have settled this question. Jesus thought it was important enough to say, "If your right hand is in the way, if your right eye is in the way, cut off the one and pluck out the other. It is better to be maimed and halt and blind than to be lost. You are occupied with other things."

Some men and women have been occupied with sin. It blinds your vision, it finally quiets your conscience. It weakens your character. It takes away from you the taste for God's word. It puts a word of criticism for the church and the minister upon your lips. You are occupied with other things, when the greatest question in this world is this one: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" You have forgotten that God has stated in His Word that He can free us from sin. He tells us that He can transform our lives. He tells us that all along the journey of time He can make us strong to resist evil, beautiful to reflect the righteousness of God in Jesus. We have dismissed His statement with a sneer. He tells us that when we are through with time He will give us an unending eternity, and we have counted the gaining of a fortune as of greater importance. We are too much occupied with other things.

One day I heard Fred B. Smith preach to men in a western city. He said that one morning when they lived in the country his father and his household were aroused with the tidings that one of their neighbors was dying. This old farmer was one of the richest men in the state where they lived. They called in the physician and the physician said to the man, "You are facing death. You had better send for the minister." The minister came and then they sent for the neighbors. Mr. Smith said that they gathered round this aged man's death-bed. They tried to pray and could not. They started to sing and broke down. They spent a day and a night with him and started upon the second day when just as the day was being born the old man started to rise from his pillow and then fell back upon it. His great, strong son put his arms under his shoulder and raised him a little bit so that he could get his breath. Then the old farmer said this, "Boy, it is getting dark. It is getting dark." And when they tried to make him think that it was all the time getting lighter he sank back upon his pillow with this awful message: "It is all a failure," he said, "It is all a failure." He was one of the greatest farmers in the state. He had a bank account that was very large. He had friends by

the score, but he had turned to other things and away from Christ, and some of you are doing that.

II. Cast Off Because of Indifference

I think there is a second step in drifting away from God, and for that I have a text. It is indifference. When you started, you were not indifferent, when the minister pleaded with you your heart did respond, when the revival of other days swept through your city, you did give attention, you listened and all but heeded. Now it is different. I have a text for you, too. Isaiah 65:12: "Ye shall all bow down to the slaughter, because when I called ye did not answer, when I spake ye did not hear."

If the first step is pre-occupation, then I think the second step away from God is *indifference*. To me that is positively impossible of conception. Doctor Torrey used to have an illustration that was repeated to me, of an old father and mother who determined to give their boy an education. They were as poor as they could be. They had a conference in their home and decided to send their boy to the university. They knew he must be away three years in his preparatory work and four years in his college work. Seven years in all. In the summer vacation he must work near the school but could not come home. Every dollar sent to him increased the pinch of poverty at home.

Finally the old father said, "Wife, I cannot stand it, I am going to see him." He did not have money enough to go by train so he drove across the hills. It took him days and days, and the horse he drove was ridiculous. The wagon in which he drove provoked a smile from all who saw him come into the university yard. He never knew that his boy had drifted, he had not been told that he had forgotten his father's God. Three young fellows came swinging down the sidewalk in the university town. When they saw the old man they laughed at him. He saw them in the distance, too, and his old heart began to beat rapidly, he recognized one of them as his boy. He threw down his lines, sprang out of his wagon and ran to meet his boy. They told me in the south that boy looked at him for only a moment, then in the presence of his friends who had jeered at this old man, told him he did not know

Our SPECIAL GUESTS

Every Sunday School teacher and worker is a special guest in our audience of readers this week. We had you in mind when much of the planning for this particular issue was done, and we hope you may be greatly helped and benefited by it.

him. He said, "You are not my father."

The old man turned without a word; he did not touch his boy. He did not kiss him. He got into his wagon, rode away back over the hills, went into the old farm house, sat down in the old chair; his head dropped forward on his breast and he was dead.

I wondered when I heard the story why the boy did not have a vision of the old days when his father said he would educate him; I wondered why the recollection of his father's prayers did not stir him. But I can explain that better than that you should be indifferent to Christ. Everything you have in life that is worth having God gave you. God gave you vision, God gave you hearing, God gave you hands with which you have wrought out your fortunes; He gave you feet with which you have been walking the journey of life; He gave you your home, your mother, your baby. And for years He has been pleading, and pleading, and you have grown indifferent to Him. When you have your Bible some day just go to the close of that passage to which I have referred you—Isaiah 65:12; the closing portion runs thus: "Behold my servants shall eat, and ye shall be hungry; behold my servants shall drink and ye shall be thirsty; behold my servants shall rejoice, and ye shall be ashamed."

I pity you when the crisis comes. Some day you will reach the crisis. Death will stand knocking at the door and you will not be prepared

to meet it. Or you will go home from your office and find your baby is sinking, and all the money you have will not stop your aching heart or your flowing tears. You are indifferent. In God's name how could you be? He is infinite in His love; He is matchless in His tenderness. How can you be indifferent?

III. Cast Off Because of Wilful Rejection

I find the third step also in the Scripture which I think you ought

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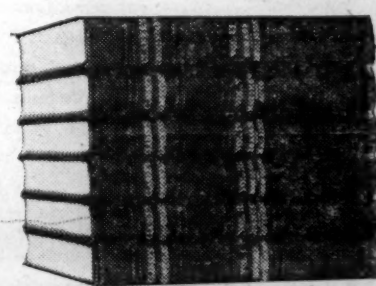
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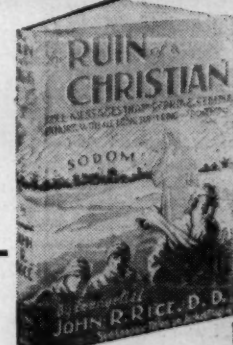
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to hear. Proverbs 1:24-29. "Because I have called, and ye refused; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then they shall call upon me but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me." The first step, pre-occupation; and money it seems is worth more than your soul; you have taken the second step—indifference—and as the minister pleads your heart is like a stone, your mother prays and your eyes never moisten with tears; and the third step is wilful rejection of Jesus Christ.

It is an awful thing to become accustomed to the power of God, but I think if there is anything

else that is more awful it is this—to become indifferent to the pleading of God. Do not imagine for a moment that it is only a man's voice that is speaking to you in the preaching. Oh, if God would only speak to you as never before. A wilful rejection!

You are like a man in the city of New York who ran away from a police officer and sprang into the river. He pushed his way from the dock. The policeman threw a rope to him. It was too short. They threw another. It fell across his arm. He raised himself from the water just a little bit and twined the rope around and then with an oath cast it from him and sank out of sight.

You have done the same thing with God. He called you when you were a boy. He called you when you were a young man just starting business. He called you when the marriage bells were pealing forth, when your first baby came and went into its grave. He called you when the telegraph ticked and ticked and the message came to your door and you opened it and read it, and you said, "My God, Mother's dead." He called you when the great calamity swept through your city and all but gained entrance to your home, and you have done nothing but drift, and drift, and drift. God pity you.

I have heard of a fisherman who took his little girl out fishing. The fishing was not so good in the old place, so the fisherman left his little girl on a high rock and started away to where he thought the fish would be easier to get. He reached the place where the fishing was splendid and he was so fascinated with his success that he forgot all about his child. Finally he found as he consulted his watch that he had been fishing four hours. Suddenly he remembered his child. "My God," he said, "My God!"

Rowing frantically he made his way back to the place where he thought his child had been left on the rock. She could not be seen. Unconsciously to him the tide had risen as if a hand that was infinite was pushing it up. The child was gone and was dead. They told me that the old fisherman never fished again, that his hair became white and thin, that he all but lost his reason. Over and over he kept saying this, "Oh, if I had only stayed where I could hear her cry, where I could hear her cry."

To-day the call to repentance is sounding. You do not hear it. You have stopped your ears. You have turned your back upon God. God pity you.

IV. Cast Off Because of Hearts Unpardonably Hardened Against Love

The last text has to do with blasphemy. The text is in Zachariah 7:11, 12, and 14. "But they refused to hearken and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets; therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts . . . But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not."

Listen. How many times have you rejected God? Stop and think. I do not ask you how many times you have rejected the minister. If it is only a man's appeal drive it out of your mind with a song; if it is only the fanatical cry of a man who thinks you are in danger, reject it. Go on, eat and drink and be merry, and die when the time comes. But if it is God's call, in God's name how can you reject Him?

Dr. George Adam Smith says the greatest sin is a sin against love. He says that love is inseparable from pain. He says that when a mother bends over her sick child the more she loves it the more she suffers. If the child dies her pain is indescribable, but if the child sins and the boy she used to hold in her arms, whose lips she used

God's Method of Building . . .

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day of so-called salvation through church membership that no church has the power to save; neither the Temple Baptist church of Detroit with which I am affiliated, nor the church to which you may belong, has the power to forgive a single sin, nor to cleanse a single stain from the guilty soul of man. Nevertheless, our churches—yours and mine, however large or small—if they are true to the Book and to the Christ of the Book, occupy a fundamental, a foundational place in God's great program of saving lost souls.

*I love Thy kingdom Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer
saved
With His own precious blood.*

*I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.*

to kiss, into whose eyes she used to look, comes staggering home drunk and maudlin, can any word describe her pain.

God is like that. You thought you could dismiss Him but He loves you. The sin against love is a dangerous thing. You can sin against human love again and again, but every time human love comes back to you she comes with a lagging step and drooping wing, and some day you will sin against human love for the last time.

But you can sin against God's love also—God's matchless love, and that is the terror of it. Dr. Smith says we say that we break God's laws but we never do; we break ourselves against His laws. But we can break His love. It has been swinging out to us. One strand of it was a memory—you broke it. Another strand of it was a picture of your early home when your father prayed and your mother loved, and you broke it. Another strand was the sermon your minister preached when you were but boys, and you have broken it.

John B. Gough tells a story of a boy gathering eagle's eggs. He has a rope around his waist with one end tied to a tree, and he is down on hands and knees gathering the eagle's eggs on a ledge of the cliff, when suddenly with a great swoop and scream the eagle is upon him. He has lived in the mountains long enough to know his danger, so he throws himself back from the ledge and holding on to the rope with one hand he draws his knife to protect himself. As the great bird comes swooping down upon him he strikes at it and nicks the rope. It is swinging out over the abyss, and he hears the snap, snap of the rope as it is blown to and fro by the wind. But he was trained in the mountains and he throws himself up and catches the rope above the cut, and hand over hand makes his escape.

Is that what you have been doing to God? God called you and you said "No." He pleads with you and you say "No." You have been nicking the rope, breaking His love. I shall never forget what Dr. George Adam Smith says. He says that there is only one sin that is unpardonable, and that is the sin against God's matchless love. He says that men must believe in a Hell. There is no alternative. "But," he said, "Hell is not a place where God puts men; Hell is the place where men fling themselves."

But I would not like to leave you with this. Oh, if God would give me some new way to plead, if He would only give me some new illustration that I have not used, if He would only suggest to me some way by means of which I could appeal to you now and bend the will that has been as hard as iron, and touch the heart that has been as flinty as a rock! Turn ye, oh, turn ye, for why will ye die? "To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." God help you.

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*For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be
giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.*

God's Methods Assure Success

At the very outset of this article on God's Methods of Building a Church and Sunday School, I went to stress the fact that only as we adhere to and follow God's methods are we assured of success. God's methods are timeless. They are just as applicable to the twentieth century as they were to the first century after Christ.

When will preachers and churches come to realize that there is no improvement upon God's methods and that the old-time Gospel of blood redemption—the good news of salvation to lost, Hell-bound sinners—has not lost its power and will never cease to appeal to the hearts of men as long as lives are ruined, hearts are broken, tears are shed and graves are dug.

Yes, God's ways are best. God's methods work any time and any place. I have seen scriptural methods of building a church and Sunday School used successfully in the large metropolitan centers, in cross-road country villages, in backwoods country churches, even in Shanghai, China, where Dr. Fred Donnellson's work was the wonder and amazement of the missionaries of China. God's methods work. They cannot be improved upon.

Therefore, as we study our Bibles, let us seek to observe not only the message of God but the methods of God.

Sowing and Reaping

Oftentimes we preach sermons on "Sowing and Reaping" and we usually preach on this subject from an evil standpoint. We emphasize the fact that if you sow to the wind, you will reap the whirlwind. If you sow an evil thought, you will reap an evil word; if you sow an evil word, you will reap an evil deed; if you sow an evil deed, you will reap an evil habit; if you sow an evil habit, you will reap an evil character; if you sow an evil character, you will reap an evil destiny.

While all of this is true, yet it is just as true that the law of sowing and reaping is applicable in a good sense; if we sow good deeds we will reap good results, and if we sow the good seed, which is the Word of God, a certain proportion of inevitable results are sure to follow, for God promises that His Word will not return unto Him void but will accomplish the purpose whereto He has sent it.

Therefore, in all confidence when we use God's methods we can know that certain results are sure to follow. What boldness, what confidence, what joy is engendered in the hearts of our people and our workers when we can impress this great truth upon them.

It will greatly aid us if we keep constantly before our workers God's one supreme purpose, and the one motivating power in any church after the New Testament pattern.

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It was for this—that just as
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God's Method of Building . . .

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soon as man sinned, God promised a Saviour in Genesis 3:15.

It was for this—that through the mouths of His holy prophets, God gave added and repeated promises of this One who was to be called "Jesus" because He would save His people from their sins.

It was for this—that in the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law to redeem us from the curse of the law. This was the one motive that moved the compassionate heart of God when He "so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

It was for this one great purpose of saving the lost that the Lord Jesus voluntarily laid aside the glory which was inherently His from the beginning of a beginningless eternity and came to earth to be despised, rejected of men, a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief; for "this is a faithful saying and worthy of all

acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

It was for this—that the Lord Jesus called and commissioned His disciples. It was for this—that the Holy Spirit came to empower and direct His servants in this work of soul winning.

It was for this purpose that the Lord Jesus established His churches, and if a church is not living up to its God-appointed mission; if a church is not busy at its one supreme task, then it loses the right to call itself a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it becomes of no more worth in a community than some lodge or charitable organization doing a social service work.

It was for this—that God through holy men of old gave us His inspired Word, for it can be truthfully said of the whole Bible that which was explicitly said concerning the Gospel of John, "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

It is for this purpose—winning the lost, that the Lord leaves us here on the earth after we are saved. If a person is not going to win souls after he is saved, then the Lord might just as well have knocked him in the head the very moment he was born again and thus incapacitated to enjoy the wonders of the "many mansions." If we as individual believers are not going to win anyone else, then we would miss a lot of troubles, trials, temptations, tears, disappointments and hardship if the Lord would take us to Heaven just the very moment after we are saved. But He doesn't do that because He leaves us here to win somebody else to this same Saviour.

Some men think that they are left here on earth in order to make a living for their wives and children, but I often think what a shock such men would get if they would go ahead and die and get out of the way and let their wives get a real husband—one who has a lot more sense and one who, I hope, would be a lot better looking and who would doubtless make a lot better living for the family. What a shock such a man would receive if he could come back about six months after they pat him in the face with a spade, and see how well the old lady and the youngsters are getting along without him!

Serious speaking, God does not leave His children here in the world just for material or financial purposes, but—to win others. Jesus said, "As the father hath sent me, even so send I you." If, "The son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost," then every believer should be about this same business of soul winning.

If this business of soul winning is that which is nearest the heart of God, and if the Lord Jesus himself had but three and a half years of earthly ministry since creation's morning up until now, then certainly Jesus would use those methods which would gain the greatest results and win the most souls when He was here for that brief earthly visit.

The Lord Jesus Emphasized by Precept and Example the Importance of Teaching

We never heard the Lord referred to as the "Great Preacher," although He was the master pulpiteer and stood before the great multitudes and preached as "never man spake"; nevertheless, we find Him constantly referred to as "the Great Teacher."

I do not mean to minimize the importance of great Gospel preaching, for "it has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Gospel preaching has its place, and a great place, in God's plan and program; nevertheless, the Lord Jesus taught when He preached, and He certainly used the methods that He, in His divine wisdom, knew would accomplish the greatest results and win most souls. After all, the greatest Gospel preaching is expository preaching, and the best definition for

Bible exposition or expository preaching is the one used by the old colored woman down South when she said, "Dat preacher sure 'exposes' de Scriptures."

Without fear of successful contradiction, I make bold to say that for every one word called preaching which Jesus spoke and which is preserved for us by the Holy Spirit upon the inspired pages, I can easily point out four words called teaching which fell from the lips of the Son of God. In other words, we have easily four times as much of Jesus' teaching recorded in the Bible than we have of His preaching not labeled as teaching.

What is the best known sermon that the Lord Himself preached that is recorded in the New Testament? Certainly it is the Sermon on the Mount; yet the introduction to the Sermon on the Mount is found in Matthew 5:1, 2: "And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and TAUGHT them, saying. . ."

This importance of His teaching ministry is also emphasized in the Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. Here the Lord Jesus is summing up His teachings of three and a half years to His disciples. Here He is reminding them, just before He ascends back to the right hand of the Father, leaving His work in their hands, that they must carry on until He returns.

Here, once again, He further emphasized the fact that this job of soul winning that He was leaving them to do, could best be accomplished, the greatest results could be attained by emphasizing most of all, the teaching, making disciples, by using the Word. Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and TEACH all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: TEACHING them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Sunday School—The Teaching Service of the Church

Realizing, then, that only in proportion as we follow God's plan and program, only as we adhere to His methods can we be assured of success, then, let every pastor and Christian worker—let us, as churches and individual Christians, realize that our most useful method is building great Bible-teaching, soul-winning Sunday Schools, if we are to win the maximum number of souls.

Weekly Teachers' Meeting

We at Temple Baptist Church realized that no Sunday School could do its best work without

a well-attended regular weekly teachers' meeting. That is where plans for the next Sunday are set forth by the superintendent, where the weak places in the various classes and departments are strengthened and where due acknowledgment is made and encouragement given for extraordinary accomplishments.

Therefore, every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 8:00 the teachers and workers of each department meet and discuss those problems and plans which are peculiar to their own age group. Then at 8 o'clock all departments come together in a general meeting where the pastor or superintendent speaks.

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

As I grow older, the promises of God and the assurance of His Word mean more and more to me. I have thought so much recently of the statement, "Before you call, I will answer." Bob Jones University was organized twenty-seven years ago this summer. The creed of the school, which covers all the essential fundamentals of the faith which are accepted by all orthodox, evangelical Christians around the world, and the administrative policies were all made in our own mind before we ever asked anybody to even serve on the Board of Trustees. All the members of the Board were elected, not to make policies but to carry out policies already made. Bob Jones University is not run by the alumni or the students. It is controlled and directed by a Board of Trustees composed of Christian men and women who live in many parts of the world. This Board of Trustees elects an Executive Committee, that has all the powers of the Board between annual meetings to carry on the work. About fifteen months ago, the by-laws were put into the charter and made a part of the charter and were written into the court records of South Carolina. It is now mandatory that this school be conducted as it has been for over twenty-six years or closed by law. This country is filled with schools that started out right. They were evangelical and sound, but little by little the devil took over. I know what is going on in evangelistic, evangelical centers in America and around the world; and all of these centers are under strange satanic attack. The next ten years are going to be testing years for all evangelical Gospel centers, whether they be schools, churches, or some other kind of organization.

Bob Jones University was put to a test recently, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees stood the test. If the laws of the United States government hold together, Bob Jones University is going to be preserved and will be operated as it has been ever since it was founded. It will continue to be evangelistic and will have discipline. It will not have internal strife. It will be kept spiritual. The purpose of this institution is to exalt Jesus Christ. The teaching of mathematics, science, literature, speech, music, art, and all other subjects, including Bible, is incidental to the purpose of exalting Jesus. It is remarkable how the Lord takes care of us. We have the brightest prospects for the coming school year, which opens September 9, we have ever had. We have been able to employ twenty-five scholarly and well-trained, full-time teachers to take the places of twenty-three

full-time teachers who were here last year who will not be back this school year. More than half of these twenty-three who are not returning have good Christian reasons for not returning and are genuine friends of Bob Jones University.

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The slogan of Bob Jones University for the coming year is "Morale Building." We are going to concentrate this year as never before on building strong Christian morale. We are going to try by the grace of God to help young people create strong backbones and put muscle in their purpose not to surrender to the devil and his cohorts in this day of moral chaos. We know we are going to succeed with most of our students. We will probably fail with some of them, but we pledge you Christian people that we are not going to fail to keep Bob Jones University right. I am the founder and chairman of the Board of Trustees. My son is the president. We have an executive committee of Christian people that can take it and stand pat and not be swept off their feet by the current of compromise that sweeps over this land.

Now, if you are not interested in that kind of setup and that kind of institution but are interested in institutions that will go along and appease and compromise, then do not give any money even to help students and not even to use for missionary work we are supporting; but if you believe in the "old-time religion" that stands up and fights, I do not know any place you can put your money and get better returns than money invested in Bob Jones University Student Loan Endowment and Missionary Fund. So please let us hear from you if you are interested, and please pray for Bob Jones University. Thank you and God bless you.

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God's Method of Building . . .

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church if the Wednesday night teachers' meeting is neglected.

If I were asked to sum up in one word the human side of building a church and Sunday school after the divine pattern, I should immediately answer, visitation.

If I were asked to give one verse of Scripture which perhaps more than any other sums up the divine method and message, I should unhesitatingly reply, ACTS 5:42: "AND DAILY IN THE TEMPLE, AND IN EVERY HOUSE, THEY CEASED NOT TO TEACH AND PREACH JESUS CHRIST."

Therefore, another distinguishing feature of the Temple Baptist Church of Detroit and other churches is their constant, persistent, scriptural house-to-house visitation. From the human standpoint, the secret of the phenomenal growth of these churches may be summed up in the one word, visitation.

It is impossible to have a church-going people unless you have first a people-going church. In other words, the average unsaved, unregenerate man of the street is not going to anybody's church if that church doesn't first go to him. Jesus knew this to be true, and therefore said: "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel [constrain] them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

The secret of the phenomenal growth of the First Church of Jerusalem is found in Acts 5:42: "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

That is the New Testament method, and God's method of building a great church and Sunday School. Certainly we cannot improve upon it.

Examples in Acts 9 and 10 of Visitation

In the ninth and tenth chapters of Acts, we also have two splendid examples of the far-reaching results of two personal visits made in two homes.

In the ninth chapter God told

Ananias (who as far as we know was not a preacher but an ordinary layman who loved the Lord) to make a personal visit. God gave him the name and address and said, "Go to the street which is called Straight, to the house of a man named Judas and there call for Saul of Tarsus! He is a good prospect and needs your visit just now."

But Ananias argued with the Lord and said: "Lord, I don't believe it would do any good for me to call on him. I have heard a lot about that fellow. He is bitter against the church. He persecutes believers unto prison and even unto death. And besides that, he is well educated and possibly knows more about the Old Testament Scriptures than I do, and I am not gifted or qualified to make a visit to such a man. Someone else could do it much better. Besides all that, Lord, I have had a hard day at the office or shop, and I am tired and don't have an automobile so I don't feel like making that call tonight." (Well, at least we know that he didn't have a car, even if he didn't say that in so many words).

Or perhaps Ananias said: "We have some friends or relatives coming to our house tonight and I have a very important social engagement; I just can't make that visit at this time. Anyway, I don't believe it would do any good."

But God said: "Ananias, you do what I told you, for he is a chosen vessel to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. I am going to give the world a demonstration of what God can do with a transformed life."

Speaking from the human standpoint, suppose Ananias had not made that visit. Suppose the scales would never have fallen from Paul's eyes. He could never have preached in the power of the Holy Spirit and would never have become the greatest preacher, evangelist and soul winner of all time. Thousands of souls whom Paul personally won to Christ would have been lost, and we would not have fourteen books in the New Testament today written by the great Apostle to the Gentiles. On the other hand, because Ananias obeyed God and made that particular visit, Ananias has some part in all the souls that Paul won to Christ, and every soul that has been saved by reading any part of Paul's epistles.

If today you or I can be used of God in making one visit whereby we will win one soul that will turn many to righteousness, then let us rejoice in the opportunity and not neglect it. It is still God's plan for men and women who love Him to go into the homes daily to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

In chapter 10 of Acts we have another wonderful example of a visit that Peter made to the home of a man called Cornelius. Here, too, God had to almost compel Peter to make this call. When God told Peter to go to Caesarea to the home of Simon the tanner who lived on a street near the seashore, Peter also argued with the Lord. He said: "Lord, it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company or come unto a man of another nation."

But God said, "Peter, if I can visit that home with a special visitation of my divine power, certainly you can afford to visit there." And as a result of Peter's visit in that home, Cornelius and all his household were saved and the door of salvation was opened to the Gentiles.

Plan of Visitation

On Monday night of each week our people meet at the church at 6 o'clock, coming directly from their work. There they are served a good warm supper, which has been prepared by the good woman of the church. At 6:30 they are handed a group of cards (usually not more than five or six) and they go out into the homes two by two. (Luke 10:1: "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.") These cards contain the name, address, church affiliation, a word about the spiritual condition, or any other helpful information that we have concerning that individual. The cards have been copied in advance by a secretary who always retains the original card for every prospect in a permanent prospect file, which is kept in the church office. A duplicate card has been made out in advance and all of those living in different sections of the city have been grouped, so that as little time as possible will be lost in going from one house to another.

They go into the homes and make a good spiritual visit, not merely a polite social call. We urge them always to have prayer in every home before leaving it. The men get all the information possible concerning every member of that household who is not a regular attendant of some church or Sunday School. They write the names and ages of every individual on the back of the card, together with a brief report of summary of what they have found in the home. When they give their reports it is a rare thing that a Monday night passes without good news of from ten to twenty conversions in the homes that night.

Of course, that does not mean that we win somebody to Christ in every home that we visit. Oftentimes the workers find that the best thing to do in some homes is to tell them how God is blessing our work and merely give them a warm, cordial invitation to attend our Sunday School and church the next Sunday, and if that is not sufficient, to make arrangements to go by for them and bring them to Sunday School the next Sunday morning. That usually gets results.

When the reports are concluded, they all hand in their cards with the written reports on the back. These cards are carefully gone over by the Visitation secretary and she puts the results of each visit on the back of her permanent card in the prospect file. In that way every one who follows up that visit has the benefit of the information found by the first visitor, and each succeeding one. The Visitation secretary also makes out individual prospect cards for every new prospect found in that night's visitation and distributes them to the class in whose age group they belong.

The ladies' work is carried on in a similar manner each Thursday as they gather at the church at 9:30 a.m., receive their cards and visit in the homes until 12:30 when they meet back at the church for lunch and fellowship which is followed by their reports. The ladies bring their own lunches and spread them all together.

We have from 350 to 425 present at our Monday night visitation meetings. The Thursday morning ladies visitation has from 125 to 180 present and on Thursday night from 200 to 250 young people go out calling. In addition to these periods of special visitation, every class and department carries on a constant visitation of their absentees, sick members and prospects. Our visits usually range from 1500 to 2000 per week.

In taking the verbal reports of visits made from the men and women Monday nights and Thursdays, we try to emphasize two things about the reports:

First, be brief, stating only the important things; and second, be enthusiastic. In other words, we

urge every worker to talk only about the good things and not sound a discouraging note. If the people of one particular home visited are not interested or if they are antagonistic, we tell our workers to write the report of that upon the card, but not to talk about it in the group meetings. We want them to bring back good news—"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news. . ."

That is very important, because if two men who are perhaps pessimistic get up and begin to tell about all the hard times that they

had and all the discouraging obstacles they met, they will soon have everybody in the meeting crying on each other's shoulder or at least feeling like it.

The good King David once had a messenger put to death because he was the bearer of bad news. In some ways it wasn't such a bad law at that.

This visitation gets results. This is the secret, from the human standpoint, of the growth of the Temple Baptist Church, and the same thing is true in relative measure of many other churches.

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